

24 June 1955

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Executive Officer/Procurement Officer  
Administrative Officer  
Administrative Officer-Finance  
Operations Officer

**SUBJECT** : Revision of Project AQUATONE Budget

1. In preparation for presentation of the AQUATONE budget to the Comptroller and later to the Bureau of the Budget, certain modifications should be made and supporting material prepared in more detailed form except for the assumptions that have been used in arriving at all of the major items.

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2. I have asked Mr. Miller with [ ] help to prepare the supporting material for all major material commitments (page 1) and, on page 2, operational commitments and the operational budget to do the same for items 3-film, 4-processing plant operation and any supporting material that can be prepared for 5-plant overhauling of equipment. I believe [ ] in consultation with [ ] should make necessary adjustments in and prepare supporting material for items 1.a. and b. covering Government employees and U.S. civilian pilots, and, in consultation with Messrs. Miller and [ ] item 1.c.-contractor employees. [ ] in consultation with Mr. Cunningham should do the same for item 7 and in consultation with Messrs. Cunningham and Miller, item 6. I believe that [ ] in consultation with [ ] can do brief supporting notes on 2-fuel and 5-logistics.

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3. After preliminary examination, four major changes seem to be called for:

a. In item 1.a. any allowance for contractor employees should be eliminated.

b. In item 1.b. the figure for the three contractors should be put on a comparable basis and the allowance for G&A profit re-examined. The supporting material should summarize proposed pay scale and numbers of employees.

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c. We should add a new numbered item to cover roughly estimated operating costs of support aircraft, that is, five KC-97's of which three are assumed to be operational at any time and the required numbers of C-54's. This will require the adjustment of item 5. to eliminate allowance for individual trips by KC-97's. On the other hand in the new item or else in item 5 we should allow for more use of C-124's in support of operational missions.

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d. I am advised by Mr. Miller some estimates will soon be available [redacted] on maintenance and operational costs at the test site which will require revisions in item 6.

4. The due date on a new edition of the budget and first draft of supporting material is noon of 29 June. The material can be in pencil or other rough form if necessary at that time, although it would be highly desirable to have the actual budget sheets retyped. By the close of business on 30 June I would like to have all of this material in such shape that we could have a first meeting with the Bureau of the Budget on 1 July.

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